

Fairfax Fights Reported CIA Move To Occupy Potomac Palisades Site

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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors acted yesterday to head off what one member says is an attempt by the Central Intelligence Agency to take over 330 acres of land that the county wants reserved as a park.

A resolution, passed unanimously by the Board, requested that the tract of woodland, which is adjacent to the north side of the CIA headquarters next to Turkey Run, be transferred to the Department of Interior for use as public parkland.

Dranesville Supervisor Harriet F. Bradley, who introduced the resolution, said her action was prompted by rumors among some of her neighbors, who work for the CIA, that the agency "has plans for" the property, which

stretches along the Potomac River palisades.

CIA Response

Jay Goodwin, a spokesman for the CIA, said yesterday the agency "does not want to discuss the issue while it is under negotiation." He failed to clarify whether the CIA is actually planning to use the land.

A General Services Administration spokesman, Richard Vawter, said the property has been listed as "excess" by the Department of Transportation and that GSA is now trying to find another agency that has need for more space.

"No decision has been made on who will get the land," Vawter said. "If no other agency needs it, it is likely that it would be turned into parkland."

Mrs. Bradley said some of the property is being used as a private recreation area by CIA

employees and a portion of land is used for research by the Federal Highway Administration.

"Right now, that land is nothing more than a border between the CIA and the rest of the world," Mrs. Bradley said. "I don't think land should be used for the protection of the CIA. I think it should be used as parkland for the people."

Home Loans Fund

In other action, the Board approved unanimously a \$50,000 loan fund to help low-income home owners bring substandard houses into compliance with state and county regulations.

The low-interest loans will be limited to the owner-occupants of single family homes who are unable to secure regular commercial financing for rehabilitation.

Loans provided by the fund will not be available to home owners in areas where there is no water supply or sewage system. The size of the loans will be limited to the amount needed for repairs to bring the property into compliance with government codes.

The board also asked the county staff to draft legislation that would revise the county's basis for sewer service billing.

Sewer Service Cost

Sewer service now costs Fairfax County residents 85 cents for each 1,000 gallons of water used, with a minimum quarterly bill of \$12.75 per water meter.

Mt. Vernon Supervisor Herbert E. Harris II has proposed that sewer bills be based on winter quarter water usage to eliminate a charge for water used in gardening, for example, which does not flow back through the sewer system.

The minimum charge would apply to each dwelling unit rather than to each meter.